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1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF AN INFORMAL PAPER  
PREPARED BY THE NETHERLANDS MISSION TO THE UN DEALING  
WITH A POSSIBLE OVERVIEW MECHANISM. IN GIVING US THE PAPER,  
THE DUTCH MISOFF DREW PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE PARA  
DEALING WITH TRANSFERRING ISSUES FROM NEGOTIATING FORA TO  
THE OVERVIEW BODY.

2. QTE: SOME IDEAS ON THE FOLLOW-UP OF CIEC AND THE PREPARATION  
OF A NEW DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY ("NON-PAPER").

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THERE ARE NOW UNDER DISCUSSION A NUMBER OF THINGS WHICH MUST  
BE DONE SPEEDILY AND EFFICIENTLY:

1) ACTIVE FOLLOW-UP OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL  
ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION BY ACCELERATING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE  
NEGOTIATIONS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS IN THE VARIOUS BODIES IN OR OUTSIDE  
THE UN SYSTEM.

2) TO PREPARE FOR A NEW "STRATEGY" FOLLOWING THE END OF THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE. IT CAN BE LEFT FOR LATER TO DECIDE WHETHER THE STRATEGY WOULD BE FOR 10, 20 YEARS OR ANOTHER TIME SPAN, AND ALSO WHETHER THE CONCEPT "STRATEGY" SHOULD BE REPLACED BY SOMETHING ELSE, E.G. AN "INDICATIVE PLAN" OR A "GLOBAL COMPACT". PROPOSALS FOR A NEW STRATEGY SHOULD FULLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS MENTIONED UNDER (1).

3) THE PREPARATION OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO BE HELD IN 1980, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THERE IS A CONSENSUS TO HOLD SUCH A SESSION.

4) THE MONITORING OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER THE STRATEGY OF THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE.

IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT THESE FOUR OBJECTIVES HAVE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF OVERLAP. A STRONG ARGUMENT CAN THEREFORE BE MADE THAT THEY SHOULD BE ENTRUSTED TO A SINGLE BODY.

IDEALLY, ECOSOC SHOULD BE THAT SINGLE BODY, BECAUSE UNDER THE UN CHARTER ACTIVITIES AS DESCRIBED CLEARLY COME UNDER ITS MANDATE AND BECAUSE IT COULD SET UP SESSIONAL COMMITTEES (ENLARGED AS COMPARED WITH PRESENT ECOSOC MEMBERSHIP OR OPEN-ENDED) IN A FLEXIBLE WAY TO DEAL WITH VARIOUS SPECIFIC SUBJECTS, OFFERING ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINING.

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IF ECOSOC IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO A LARGE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, AN ALTERNATIVE COULD BE AN OPEN-ENDED AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO UNDERTAKE ALL OR PART OF THE FOUR TASKS MENTIONED. IN THE LATTER CASE TASKS NR. 2 (PREPARATIONS NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY) AND NR. 4 (REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CURRENT STRATEGY) MIGHT BE ENTRUSTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL, OR ECOSOC IN CASE IT TAKES DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TASK OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL.

THE FORUM SELECTED (ECOSOC OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE) WOULD RECEIVE AS INPUTS PERIODIC REPORTS ON VARIOUS ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBJECTS DEALT WITH AT CIEC, AND THUS BE ABLE TO MONITOR AND OVERVIEW THESE NEGOTIATIONS. IT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SET UP WORKING GROUPS FOR ANY SPECIFIC ISSUE OR ITEM ON A PRAGMATIC BASIS.

IN CASE OF SPECIFIC BOTTLENECKS IN A NEGOTIATION ECOSOC OR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE COULD, AT THE REQUEST OF THE BODY OR THE PARTIES CONCERNED, ACCEPT A HIGH-LEVEL NEGOTIATING TASK TO OVERCOME SUCH SPECIFIC DIFFICULTIES. IN OTHER WORDS ECOSOC OR THE

AD HOC COMMITTEE WOULD NOT HAVE AN AUTOMATIC NEGOTIATING TASK WHICH WOULD MERELY TEND TO DUPLICATE, OR WORS, STIFLE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE VARIOUS BODIES.

IF THE SOLUTION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE IS SELECTED, THOUGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROVIDE THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WITH AN ATTRACTIVENAME. IN AS MUCH AS THE COMMITTEE WOULD NECESSARILY NOT ONLY DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BUT ALSO WITH THE INTIMATELY RELATED PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE INEVITABLE RESTRUCTURING OF THEIR ECONOMIES, ONE MIGHT CONSIDER A TITLE LIKE "AD HOC COMMITTEE ON WORLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT". UNQTE.  
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